



California Council for
Environmental and
Economic Balance



Los Angeles
Area Chamber of Commerce



ORANGE COUNTY
BUSINESS COUNCIL



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Dear Governor-elect Davis:

We greatly appreciate your immediate attention to the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and the involvement of your representatives in encouraging all parties to work toward a timely and equitable resolution. Your leadership is vital to the success of a CALFED decision and its implementation.

California's economy depends on a reliable, affordable, adequate supply of high-quality water. Adequate supplies are currently maintained only by intensive management of complex, overtaxed, and aging water infrastructure. By 2020, California's population is projected to grow almost 50 percent, to more than 47 million people. Drinking water standards are expected to become more stringent. The cost of drinking water treatment and water recycling continues to increase.

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program is the single best opportunity to resolve in a timely and equitable manner water issues that threaten California's environmental quality and economic prosperity. The CALFED Bay-Delta Program remains the best means of achieving a Delta "fix" that is a balanced, consensus-based solution that meets the needs of all Californians.

We encourage a decision on the planning, financing, and scheduling of all components of an overall CALFED Bay-Delta solution by the end of 1998--already 4 years after the signing of the original Bay-Delta Accord. Time is of the essence. Of course, final action on the CALFED Bay-Delta Programmatic EIS/EIR and implementation will occur under your Administration and will require extraordinary leadership and courage to ensure that the effort succeeds.

Attached are recommendations from the business community in California regarding the key components that should be included in a framework of a balanced CALFED Bay-Delta Program solution. We strongly urge you to support these components in a timely CALFED decision. We look forward to working with you and your Administration in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

(See Attached Signatures.)

California Business Roundtable, California Chamber of Commerce, California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance, California Farm Bureau, Western Growers Association, Bay Area Council, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, Orange County Business Council, Silicon Valley Manufacturing Group, Southern California Water Committee.

cc: Members of the State Legislature
Members of California Congressional Delegation